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LETTER DATED 12 AUGUST 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government and further to our previous letters on the involvement of Iran in the unrest that has befallen Iraq and on its interference in Iraq's internal affairs, I wish to inform you of the following:

1. At 0600 hours on 26 July 1991, an anti-tank mine exploded under a Land Cruiser vehicle, registration number 12221 (temporary customs plates) in the Zarkwiz region at a distance of 10 kilometres from the Sulaymaniyah Governorate centre inside Iraqi territory. The vehicle was completely destroyed in the incident and its driver killed.

2. The scene of the incident referred to above was examined by the competent Iraqi authorities and another unexploded mine of the same type was discovered. When it had been made harmless it was found to be of Iranian manufacture.

This action by the Iranian side is a flagrant violation of the terms of the cease-fire between the two countries under Security Council resolution 598 (1987) and is a blatant interference in the internal affairs of Iraq. The Government of my country holds the Iranian Government fully responsible for all the damage caused by this violation and for any subsequent injury to Iraq.

In transmitting this information to you I should be grateful if you would take suitable measures, in accordance with the terms and principles of the Charter of the Organization, to warn the Iranian side of the consequences of persisting in violations which are contrary to the principles of international law and of good-neighbourliness.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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